PEOPLE
On January 15, former AFRE faculty member Nango Dembele (MSU PhD 1994) was named Minister of Livestock and Fisheries of Mali. Prior to his new post, Dr. Dembele was the Food Security Commissioner of Mali.

SEMINARS
AFRE Seminar
Charles Sims, University of Tennessee. “Opposing irreversibilities and tipping point uncertainty.” January 28, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Jonathan Linton, University of Ottawa. “Research seminar on entrepreneurship, innovation, and close loop supply chains”. Feb. 5, 10:30am, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminar


PUBLICATIONS

INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS
The U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security graduate research grant supports exceptional graduate students who are interested in developing a component of their graduate research in a developing country setting and in collaboration with a mentor from an International Agricultural Research Center (IARC) or a qualifying National Agricultural Research System (NARS) unit. U.S. citizenship is required, and applicants must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. graduate program at the time of application. Applications available at program website. Deadline: Apr. 11, 2016.

Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture seeks an Agricultural Sustainability Science Intern to contribute to development and application of our sustainability metrics, benchmarks and tools. This is a 3-4 month graduate student level position for summer of 2016. Field to Market (www.fieldtomarket.org) is a nonprofit organization that brings together a diverse alliance of grower groups; agribusiness companies; food, beverage, restaurant and retail companies; conservation groups; universities and public sector partners to focus on promoting, defining and measuring the sustainability of row crops for food, fiber and fuel production.


• Full Year (Ph.D.) Fellowship for 2016-2017. Stipend support ($30,000) plus tuition and fees for one year beginning Fall 2016 (3 credits for each of Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters; 1 credit Summer 2017 semester). Additional funds will be available for travel and meeting expenses or additional credits. The fellowship is open to
current MSU PhD candidates. Residency at KBS is not required, nor is pre-existing engagement in KBS LTER research. Applicants must have passed their comprehensive exam prior to the application deadline.

- **Summer Fellowships for 2016.** Two fellowships (M.S. or Ph.D.) on offer. Each provides up to $9,000 of support to offset tuition and fees during Summer 2016, with the balance provided as a stipend. Additional funds (up to $1,000) may be requested for travel, meetings, or other research-related expenses. Applicants must be graduate students currently enrolled at MSU. Candidacy is not required, nor is KBS residency or pre-existing engagement in KBS LTER research.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Northwestern University's Black Graduate Student Association is pleased to announce its 19th Annual Graduate Research Conference that will be held on April 23rd, 2016 at the Loyola University Water Tower Campus in downtown Chicago. This year's conference theme is *A Day in the Life of Us*. We invite graduate students across the Midwest to submit abstracts and present their work. As with previous conferences, the goal of our conference is to highlight the work of scholars of color as well as scholars whose work touches communities of color. Register at: [https://nubgsaconference.eventbrite.com](https://nubgsaconference.eventbrite.com).

**JOBS**

Kansas State Research and Extension and Department of Agricultural Economics

1. **Extension Agricultural Economist, Kansas Farm Management Association, Northeast:** Kansas Farm Management Association, Northeast, with offices in Holton, Hiawatha and Council Grove, Kansas, provides a farm business analysis educational program to member farm families in a 16 county area. Principal crops are soybeans, corn, wheat, alfalfa hay and other forages. This is also a livestock intensive area of Kansas. Average farm size is 1,700 acres. This is a joint appointment between KFMA NE and K-State Research and Extension. Deadline: March 4, 2016. [http://www.agmanager.info/kfma/](http://www.agmanager.info/kfma/)

2. **Extension Agricultural Economist, Kansas Farm Management Association, South Central:** Kansas Farm Management Association, South Central (KFMA, SC), located in Hutchinson, Kansas, provides a farm business analysis educational program to member farm families in an 11 county area. Principal crops are wheat, corn, grain sorghum and soybeans. Beef cows and backgrounding are major livestock enterprises. Average farm size is 1,900 acres. This is a joint appointment between KFMA SC and K-State Research and Extension. Deadline: March 4, 2016. [http://www.agmanager.info/kfma/](http://www.agmanager.info/kfma/)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an open **economist position in the Air Economics Group (AEG)** of the Health and Environmental Impacts Division, in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards located in Durham, NC (Research Triangle Park). This position will open on January 20, 2016 on the OPM website ([www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)) for all U.S. Citizens, no prior Federal experience required, and will **close on the January 26, 2016**. This position is advertised at the GS-12 level under the Economist (0110) job series with promotion potential to GS-13. Please contact Darryl Weatherhead via email at weatherhead.darryl@epa.gov with additional questions.

All announcements should be sent to Debbie Conway, Editor, in Room 202 Morrill Hall of Agriculture or e-mail: [conway@msu.edu](mailto:conway@msu.edu) NO LATER than 12 noon on Thursday; after 12, they will be in the next BI-WEEKLY edition.